Andy Beshear Governor

Rebecca W. Goodman **Secretary Energy and Environment Cabinet**



February 3, 2020

Telephone: (502) 564-3940

TO: DIVISION OF FILINGS

RE: Case No. 2020-00280

> Electronic Application of Ashwood Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Construction for an Approximately 86 Megawatt Merchant Electric Solar Generating Facility in Lyon County, Kentucky Pursuant to KRS 278.700 and 807 KAR 5:110

Please file in the administrative record of the above-referenced case the enclosed copies of the following:

- 1) a letter from Chairman Michael J. Schmitt to Governor Andy Beshear dated January 11, 2021;
- 2) a letter from Chairman Michael J. Schmitt to Lyon County Judge Executive Wade White dated January 11, 2021; and
- 3) Executive Order 2021-045 dated January 28, 2021, appointing Crystal Lasher-Hurst and Wade White ad hoc members to the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting for the above-reference case.

Sincerely,

Linda C. Bridwell. PE **Executive Director**

Enclosures

Parties of Record CC:



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Michael J. Schmitt Chairman

Kent A. Chandler Vice Chairman

Talina R. Mathews Commissioner

January 11, 2021

Hon. Governor Andy Beshear 700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 100 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Re: Siting Board Case No. 2020-00280

Dear Governor Beshear:

As the Chairman of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC), I also serve as the Chairman of the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting (Siting Board). Therefore, it is my duty to inform you that, on December 22, 2020, the Siting Board received an application from Ashwood Solar, LLC requesting a certificate to construct an approximately 86 megawatt merchant electric solar generation facility near Fredonia, Lyon County, Kentucky.

The five permanent members of the Siting Board are myself; PSC Vice Chairman Kent A. Chandler; PSC Commissioner Talina R. Mathews; Secretary of the Energy and Environment Cabinet Rebecca W. Goodman (or her designee);¹ and Interim Secretary of the Economic Development Cabinet Larry Hayes (or his designee).²

In addition to the permanent members of the Siting Board, pursuant to KRS 278.702(1)(d)(1), the Governor must appoint two ad hoc public members to serve on the Siting Board for the duration of the case. Based on the facts as presented in the application, one of the ad hoc appointees must be the county judge/executive of Lyon County, Hon. Wade White. The second ad hoc appointee must be a legal resident of Lyon County, where the proposed electric merchant generation facility will be sited.

Pursuant to KRS 278.710(1), the Siting Board is required to issue its decision granting or denying the application within either 120 days or 180 days (if a local public hearing is requested). Therefore, it is vital to the successful completion of the Siting Board's duties that the ad hoc members be appointed by you as soon as practicable.

¹ Secretary Goodman has designated John S. Lyons as her designee for this matter.

² Interim Secretary Hayes has designated Charlie W. Rowland as his designee for this matter.

Governor Andy Beshear January 11, 2021 Page **2** of **2**

For your convenience, I have enclosed a copy of Executive Order 2020-294, issued by you on April 23, 2020, appointing two ad hoc Siting Board members in the most recent Siting Board Case (Case No. 2020-00040). This format may be used by you to appoint the second ad hoc Siting Board member for the present case.

Please let me know if I can provide you any additional information regarding this case. Any communications regarding this case may be directed either to me or Quang Nguyen, Assistant General Counsel, at (502) 782-2586. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Wichael J. Schmitt

Chairman

QN Enclosure

cc: Kent A. Chandler, Vice Chairman Public Service Commission Talina R. Mathews, Commissioner Public Service Commission John S. Lyons, Deputy Secretary Energy and Environment Cabinet Charlie W. Rowland, Economic Development Cabinet John McConnell, Office of the Governor



GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Secretary of State Frankfort Kentucky

2020 - 294 April 23, 2020

By virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 278.702 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby appoint the following as members of the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting:

Kenneth Parsons, Lancaster, representing residents of Garrard County; and

John Wilson, County Judge/Executive, Lancaster, representing Garrard County.

Please issue commissions to them.

ANDY BESHEAR, GOVERNOR Commonwealth of Kentucky

MICHAEL G. ADAMS

Secretary of State

RECEIVED AND FILED DATE 4/24/2020 MICHAFL G. ADAMS
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January 11, 2021

Hon. Wade White, Judge/Executive P.O. Box 598 500 W. Dale Avenue, Suite 120 Eddyville, Kentucky 42038

Re: Siting Board Case No. 2020-00280

Dear Judge White:

As the Chairman of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC), I also serve as the Chairman of the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting (Siting Board). Therefore, it is my duty to inform you that, on December 22, 2020, the Siting Board received an application from Ashwood Solar, LLC requesting a certificate to construct an approximately 86 megawatt merchant electric solar generation facility near Fredonia, Lyon County, Kentucky.

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Pursuant to KRS 278.7210(1), the Siting Board is required to issue its decision granting or denying the application within either 120 days or 180 days (if a local public hearing is requested). Therefore, Governor Beshear will be appointing you as soon as is practicable.

Please let me know if I can provide you any additional information regarding this case. Any communications regarding this case may be directed either to me or Quang Nguyen, Assistant General Counsel, at (502) 782-2586. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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Sincerely

Michael J. Schmitt

Chairman

cc: Governor Andy Beshear

Kent A. Chandler, Vice Chairman Public Service Commission Talina R. Mathews, Commissioner Public Service Commission John S. Lyons, Deputy Secretary Energy and Environment Cabinet Charlie W. Rowland, Economic Development Cabinet

John McConnell, Office of the Governor





EXECUTIVE ORDER

Secretary of State Frankfort Kentucky

2021 - 045 January 28, 2021

By virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 278.702 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby appoint the following as members of the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting:

Crystal Lasher-Hurst, Eddyville, representing residents of Lyon County; and

Wade White, County Judge/Executive, Eddyville, representing Lyon County.

Please issue commissions to them.

ANDY BESTEAR, GOVERNOR Commonwealth of Kentucky

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